

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	: Reto Lerf et al.
App. No	: 10/519,338
Filed	: September 19, 2005
For	: OPEN-PORE METAL COATING FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT IMPLANTS AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF
Examiner	: BOWMAN, ANDREW J
Art Unit	: 1792
Conf No.	: 9313

Response to Office Action Dated 28 December 2009

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following in response to the non-final Office Action dated 28 December 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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